

REMARKS

In view of the above amendments and following remarks, further reexamination and reconsideration are respectfully requested.

Concurrently submitted herewith is a letter RE: Proposed Drawing Amendments along with copies of Figures 1-9 marked in red to indicate revision. The Examiner's approval for such proposed amendments is respectfully requested.

By this amendment, claim 14 has been amended. Enclosed herewith a paper entitled "Version with Markings to Show Changes Made" which reflects the changes made to the claim. It is submitted that no new matter has been added.

It is noted that claims 14-26 are currently pending in this application.

It is noted that the Examiner has rejected claims 14-26 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Ditzik (USPN: 5,983,073) for the reasons contained in paragraph 1 on page 2 of the Office Action.

The Applicant would like to thank Examiner Edward Lefkowitz for conducting a personal interview with the Applicant and his representatives on August 8, 2001. During this interview, the Examiner suggested amendments to the claim language in order to more clearly distinguish the claimed invention over the applied art. Particularly, the Examiner suggested amending claim 14 so as to recite "said housing is a unitary flat and frame shape [d]" so as to more clearly distinguish the present invention, as claimed, from the Ditzik reference. It is noted that, as reflected on the interview summary form PTOL-413, the Examiner deemed such an amendment as being effective to place the application in condition for allowance over the cited prior art.

Accordingly, without intending to acquiesce to the prior art rejection and in order to expedite allowance of this application, the Applicant has amended independent claim 14 in a manner identical to that as suggested by the Examiner.

The Applicant submits that newly amended independent claim 14, as well as claims 15-26 dependent therefrom, clearly are allowable for at least the aforementioned reasons.

Accordingly, it is submitted that the present application now in fact clearly is in condition for allowance and the Examiner therefor is requested to pass this case to issue.

In the event however that the Examiner has any comments or suggestions of a nature necessary to place this case in condition for allowance, then the Examiner is requested to contact Applicant's undersigned Attorney by telephone to promptly resolve any such matters.

Respectfully submitted,

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